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## Regionalia

Midwest Archives Conference

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### **American Association for State and Local History**

"Winds of Opportunity" is the theme of the joint annual meeting with the Oklahoma Museums Association to take place September 22–25 in Oklahoma City. The conference will focus on how economic challenges and other changes can usher in new perspectives, opportunities, and critical self-examination that may lead to strengthening organizations and the development of previously unforeseen goals. <http://aaslh.org/am2010.htm>

### **American Institute of Physics**

The Center for History of Physics announces its 2011 grants to archives. The deadline for applications is August 15. The grants of up to \$10,000 each are intended to make accessible records, papers, and other primary sources that document the history of modern physics and allied fields (such as astronomy, geophysics, and optics). [http://www.aip.org/history/grants\\_archives.html](http://www.aip.org/history/grants_archives.html)

### **Archives without Borders**

This international congress commemorating the centennial of the first international archives conference will be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, The Netherlands, on August 30–31. The congress will focus on the importance of archives for good governance in an international context where their significance transcends national boundaries in the globalized information society. Sessions will be organized on the themes of archival solidarity, human rights and archives, cross-border archives, and the formation of the nation-state and national identity. <http://www.archiveswithoutborders.org/>

### **Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts**

The workshop "A Space Odyssey: Storage Strategies for Cultural Collections" will be held October 12–13 at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul. Experts in the field of design, space planning, and environmental control will speak about practical methods and applications to improve and maximize storage spaces. Other upcoming events include workshops on digitization for small institutions and preservation best practices to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. <http://www.ccaha.org/education/program-calendar/>

### **Dublin Core Metadata Initiative**

The International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 20–22. A tutorial track, peer-reviewed conference track, special sessions, and community meetings will focus on the theme "Making Metadata Work Harder: Celebrating 15 Years of Dublin Core." <http://dc-2010.org/>

### **Federation of Genealogical Societies**

The annual conference will be held August 18–21 in Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition to sessions focusing on specific collections and access projects at various repositories, the conference will include presentations discussing how the genealogical community has organized to respond to threats to access and preservation of records of value to genealogical research, preserving and organizing genealogical society records and libraries, and caring for original family records. <http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/>

### **International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions**

The Preservation and Conservation Section's 2010 satellite meeting, "New Techniques for Old Documents—Scientific Examination Methods in the Service of Preservation and Book History," will take place August 16–18 in Uppsala, Sweden. The conference will provide an opportunity for librarians, book historians, and conservators to deepen their knowledge of the information that can be drawn out of documents ranging from archaeological findings and war-damaged documents to more ordinary library collections. <http://www.ifla.org/en/ifla76/satellite-meetings/>

### **Journal of Western Archives**

The Society of California Archivists, Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists, Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists, and Northwest Archivists, Inc., announce the establishment of a new peer-reviewed open-access on-line journal—the *Journal of Western Archives*. The journal will explore important western regional issues in archives, the development of the archival profession in the western United States, collaborative efforts and projects among cultural institutions, and other topics important to archivists working in the western United States. <http://digitalcommons.usu.edu/westernarchives/>

### **Peabody Essex Museum**

The museum's Phillips Library will host an Art Museum Libraries Symposium on September 23–24 in Salem, Massachusetts, to discuss issues of concern to museum professionals, art librarians, and archivists working at art libraries in a museum setting. Topics of discussion include data unity, the role of libraries and archives in an art museum, fund-raising, and future trends. <http://pem.org/library/>

### **Society of American Archivists**

The annual meeting will be a joint conference with the Council of State Archivists and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators. The conference will be held August 10–15 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. Sessions and poster presentations will focus on the commonalities among archivists and records administrators in all specializations and in a variety of settings. The annual research forum will be held August 10. <http://www2.archivists.org/conference/2010/>

### **Society of Archivists**

The annual conference will be held September 1–3 in Manchester, United Kingdom. The theme, “We Are What We Keep: Challenging Tradition in Appraisal and Acquisition,” will be addressed in session topics such as collecting community archives, specialist archives, the interrelationship of archives and records management, and digital curation. The conference also has a preservation and conservation track. <http://www.archives.org.uk/thesociety/conference2010.html>

### **Society of Georgia Archivists**

A joint annual meeting with the South Carolina Archival Association will be held in Augusta, Georgia, on October 27–29. The conference theme is “Archives in Transition: Current Issues and Future Trends.” <http://www.soga.org/annualmeeting/>

### **Southern Archives Conference**

The biennial conference will take place September 23–24 at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, Alabama. <http://www.alarchivists.org/sac.html>

## **Want to Build a Thriving Archival Program? Ask Your Users How!**

**Mark Your Calendars Now for MAC's Fall Symposium, 2010**

**Archival User Studies  
October 21–23, 2010  
Dayton, Ohio**

The survival of twenty-first century archival programs requires us to understand archives users better than ever before. Join MAC for this “nuts and bolts” symposium in which you will learn not only how to study the interests and opinions of your users, but also to apply that information to improve repository services. Through presentations, group discussions, and hands-on activities, you will develop an understanding of the fundamental methodologies and the practical skills necessary for successful implementation of archival user studies. Our presenters and facilitators, including Rick Pifer, Chris Prom, Ciaran Trace, and Beth Yakel, will train you to gather the data you need to make informed decisions based on the priorities and needs of your users. Upon completion of the symposium, you will return to your repository with a draft user survey that you can administer quickly, easily, and confidently.

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